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WYNNE LAUDS PENKOVSKY

Says Executed Spy Helped
Prevent Two Wars

New York, Nov. 11 (AP)—Greville Wynne, codefendant of Oleg Penkovsky, executed master spy, said today that Penkovsky helped prevent two wars between the Soviet Union and the West.

Wynne, a British business man, was tried with Penkovsky for espionage in 1963 by a Soviet court. Penkovsky, a Soviet war hero, was ordered executed, but Wynne later was exchanged for a Soviet spy captured in the West.

"If it had not been for Penkovsky, you would have had more than a blackout in your city," said Wynne, taking note of Tuesday night's northeastern power failure.

Wynne gave his views at a news conference marking the release by Doubleday of "The Penkovsky Papers," a compilation of the spy's memoirs supposedly smuggled out of the Soviet Union.

Wynne said he was speaking out now because he was finally convinced that Penkovsky was dead.

The Russians announced his execution May 5, 1963, but Wynne said he believed the execution was delayed while Soviet intelligence watched the effect of Penkovsky's loss on Western espionage activities.

Wynne, who reportedly was used by Penkovsky to establish contact with British and American intelligence sources, was released in exchange for Konon Molody, a Russian spy held by the West.

A Labor Department study found that 25 per cent of United States aerospace workers are in the Los Angeles-Long Beach area, leading center of missile, space-vehicle and aircraft production.

Penkovsky brought about his capture when he acted without the usual safeguards to inform the late President John Kennedy during the 1962 missile crisis that the Soviet Union was not capable of immediate nuclear war, Wynne said.

In 1960, Wynne said, Penkovsky again helped prevent war by keeping the West informed about former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's actions in the Berlin crisis.

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